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FOR AM0ASSADOR FROM AF

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, PFOR, US, NG

SUBJECT: US-NIGER BILATERAL TALKS

REF: NIAMEY 418

1. WHEN PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL TALKS WITH US WAS FIRST
BROACHED BY NIGERIENS IN DECEMBER 1975, WE REPLIED THAT WE
WOULD WELCOME PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS ON OUR ASSISTANCE PRO-
GRAM. HOWEVER, WE DECLINED THE GON INVITATION TO ESTAB-
LISH A FORMAL QUOTE MIXED COMMISSION UNQUOTE TO REVIEW THE
ENTIRE PANOPLY OF COOPERATION MATTERS. REFTTEL INDICATES
THAT THE GON IS AGAIN EDGING TOWARD A MIXED COMMISSION.
WE SUGGEST THAT YOU FIND APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO REMIND
GON CONTACTS THAT, AS THE PERIODIC DISCUSSIONS FOCUS MAINLY
ON ASSISTANCE AND RELATED MATTERS, THE REPRESENTATION ON
THE USG SIDE WILL BE MOSTLY DRAWN FROM AID. WE DO NOT RPT
NOT WISH TO ENLARGE PURVIEW OF DISCUSSIONS BEYOND AID
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MATTERS. YOU MAY ADD THAT WE ARE PLEASED FONMIN WISHES AT-
TEND ANDOF COURSE WILL SEEK FINAL DATES THAT ARE SUITABLE
FOR HIM. WE RECOGNIZE THAT ASSISTANCE TO NIGER MUST BE AN
IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF NIGER'S FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS.

2. WE CANNOT COMMIT OURSELVES TO ANY BUREAU REPRESENTATION
AT THIS TIME AND, IF SCOPE IS NOT ENLARGED IT WOULD BE

UNNECESSARY FOR ANYONE FROM AF TO MAKE A SPECIAL TRIP TO
NIAMEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING TALKS. AID HAS NOT
ANNOUNCED NOMINEE FOR VACANT POSITION OF ASSISTANT ADMINIS-
TRATOR FOR AFRICA AND IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ACTING
AA/AFR COULD BREAK AWAY FOR NIAMEY TALKS. HOWEVER, PLEASE
ADVISE AS TO TALKS SCHEDULE WHEN IT IS FIRM.

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